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May 27, 2003

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Sincerely,

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June 1, 2003

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Once again, I strongly urge and implore you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Dinger

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DON'T HELP DESTROY OUR COUNTRY AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT. Pay attention. Think.
And find your conscience.

Sincerely,

Ellese Newman

Jim Steitz

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****Your responsibility is to the public interest, not to the profitability, synergies, or any other desired result of the media corporations. It's in your charter.****

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I have heard the argument that with cable news and the internet, consumers have plenty of sources for news and information, and would be largely unaffected by the proposed changes. However, it must be considered that many Americans do not have the financial resources for either, and rely solely on local network tv, radio and newspapers for their news. The proposed changes would in fact affect the ability of many people to obtain balanced news coverage.

Once again, I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

Sincerely,

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I also believe that to keep our great nation free and democratic, we need to ensure diversity of opinion and the liberal exchange of ideas. It is imperative that there be the widest possible comment on any proposed rule so the Commission may fairly and impartially evaluate whether it will promote or hinder such diversity.

I strongly urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

John Daviso

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Suzette S. Perry

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Alone in my rather large family, I read press from other countries. Other members of my family get their news from CNN. It frightens me how they parrot the same line and how out of tune they are with the rest of the world.

America's power is unprecedented in the world. Then also unprecedented should be the ability of Americans to understand issues and participate in, well-informed serious debates.

Ownership of the media by a handful of self-interested conglomerates will destroy the ability of citizens to act responsibly.

At the very least, the FCC should allow the public to weigh in on whether there should be a further loosening of rules that require some diversity in ownership and, one hopes, some diversity of views and voices.

Sincerely,

Karen Saum

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June 2, 2003

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It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission is considering possible changes to its media ownership rules. I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

To allow further concentration of media ownership is anti-democratic. This country's history is replete with efforts to insure that no monopolies control any part of our nation's business -- for good reason. To allow the monopolization of the media is to devalue and endanger freedom of speech, a Constitutionally guaranteed cornerstone of our great nation.

I can't urge you strongly enough to do whatever is in your power to stop any move toward media ownership concentration. Instead, I plead with you to do what you can to insure diversity of media ownership.

Lastly, because freedom of speech and the related health of free press in this nation is of crucial importance to Americans, whatever you consider in the ownership arena should be open to public dialogue and commentary.

Sincerely,

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